

Buffalo, Feb. 13, 1854.

My dear Gray:

Many thanks for your kind attention to me & my quasses. You have enabled me to add 22 to my catalogue, with confidence. I had, in my own mind, attributed to several of them their true names. What a goose I was to send to another in the face of troubling you! Hereafter I won't admit any such fear.

I am somewhat surprised at the *Bemisia*'s turning out to be *B. ciliatula*. It is so very different, in aspect, from the tall, slender, beak-shaped form to which I have heretofore attributed that name. I must put the two together, & take a thorough look at them. As to the *Tidensipis* which bothered me so much - it is, of course, a *Tidensipis* - but it has no right to be

me - or, rather, it had no right to
give me such trouble: But, I am
a little excited to find it cited,
by the Manual, to "the coast of
Southward". What right had it,
then, to intrude in the interior &
bother a poor old man like me!

As to the Panicum (No. 41) I
suppose it to be *P. mitiacum*, L.
It is cultivated here & there, in
little patches. I believe for bird seed;
and perpetuates itself, at least the
following year. I noticed it last
year, for the first time.

I had no idea there was anything
in the packet worth your keeping; &
feel humbled at the notion of any
one of them going into your herbar-
ium.

You need not ~~send~~ return the
specimens - Your hand to the
labels will answer every purpose.

So soon as I have returns from

Dr. Thurber, I shall work out the
Cat. & put it in print. Or rather
so soon as I shall have returns from
him, and your answers to another
small packet which I am trying
to get time to make up & send
you.

I have now 59 ascertained grasses
of this vicinity - to say nothing of some
which I sent to Dr. Thurber. His
returns must add something to the
list. This is pretty well for me,
in my humble capacity of a grabber,
considering that I have had but
two seasons to work in, and so
many other things to look for.
So - a doodle - do! There's a flap
of the wings and a crow for you!

Yours ever truly & gratefully,

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